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1) The reply filed on 11/10/03 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because: the new pending claims are still not drawn to the elected invention. Since the period for reply set forth in the prior Office action has expired, this application will become abandoned unless applicant corrects the deficiency and obtains an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. In no case may an applicant reply outside the SIX (6) MONTH statutory period or obtain an extension for more than FIVE (5) MONTHS beyond the date for reply set forth in the Office Action 10/10/03. A fully responsive reply must be timely filed to avoid abandonment of this application.

2) Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to S. Devi, Ph.D., whose telephone number is (703) 308-9347. A message may be left on the Examiner's voice mail system. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 7.15 am to 4.15 pm except one day each bi-week, which would be disclosed on the Examiner's voice mail system.

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